

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

DENNIS GROMOV, individually and on	)	
behalf of all other similarly situated,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	Case No. 1:22-cv-06918
	)	
v.	)	Hon. Franklin U. Valderrama
	)	
BELKIN INTERNATIONAL, INC.,	)	Magistrate Judge Gabriel A. Fuentes
	)	
Defendant.	)	
	)	

**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

The parties now report on the status of this action, as ordered by the Court’s minute entry (ECF No. 157). Since that entry, the parties have made further progress documenting their agreement, but are requesting that the action remain stayed for another 90 days to continue to finalize their settlement.

The parties held a mediation on April 1 in Los Angeles with a JAMS neutral in an attempt to resolve both the *Miley* California state-court action and this action, *Gromov*, here in the Northern District. The parties in each case are represented by the same lawyers. Over the following days, the parties crystallized a settlement in principle in each case.

*Miley* was a certified class action and notice had been given to the class. The terms of the settlement are more complex than those for Gromov’s settlement, and the parties have been working on that agreement more intently. It has taken the parties longer than they expected to prepare the full *Miley* agreement. The *Miley* court now requires the parties to submit their proposed settlement by August 11. This has affected the parties’ ability to complete the papers memorializing Gromov’s settlement. Today, Belkin provided Gromov with a new draft of the settlement agreement.

Gromov would like to state that the basis for the current stay continues to include the remote possibility that he will have to push forward with an interlocutory appeal of the Court's decision on the motion to dismiss. He does not want to lose the ability to have his motion (ECF No. 148) heard and potentially granted by this Court. However, if the parties can agree on memorializing their settlement in principle in a final writing—which both sides have every intention of doing—then the motion need never be heard.

In conclusion, both parties respectfully seek another stay of 90 days.

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Respectfully submitted,

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